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Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council Meeting

December 10, 2008

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Welcome/Introductions/Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council was held on December 10, 2008 at Northland Pioneer College, Springerville/Eagar Center, 578 North Main Street, Eagar, AZ 85925.

Chair Webb welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at approximately 1:12 p.m. Chair Webb also called for a roll call attendance; the following members were present:

Members present:

Tom Barela (by phone), Claude Endfield, Mary Hammond, Margie Tapia, Cathy Taylor, Becky Towle, Mary Tyler (by phone), Melissa Webb, and Michael Zimmerman

Members absent: Rance Pullin

Others present:

Laura Denali, Dee Hoagland, and Elizabeth James

Member Report and Updates

Member Endfield stated that she really enjoyed the First Things First Board Meeting last week. She also mentioned that Northland Pioneer College has asked their staff to conserve mileage; Coordinator Dobler-Allen confirmed that mileage expenses for FTF Meetings would be reimbursable by FTF. Member Endfield also thanked Coordinator Dobler-Allen and her fellow Council members for all of their efforts. Chair Webb noted that she also enjoyed the FTF Board Meeting last week.

Call to the Public

No calls to the public forms were received.

Adoption of Minutes

The November 12, 2008 Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council Minutes were presented for approval; Member Hammond moved to accept the Minutes as written; Member Endfield seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Governance Policy – Second Read

Council Members reviewed the Governance Policy and Coordinator Dobler-Allen explained that this is not an FTF policy but that it had been adopted by the Coconino Regional Partnership Council to give structure to its operation. Member Endfield moved that this policy be adopted; Member Towle seconded; the motion passed.

Regional Coordinator's Report

Coordinator Dobler-Allen made a review of the past seven months of progress from the Needs & Assets Reports to the Strategies that have been created, and finally to the approved Funding Plan for this Regional Partnership Council. Member Hammond expressed that the Funding Plan was approved with a couple of “holds” and asked when we will hear more about discretionary funding. Coordinator Dobler-Allen stated that the January FTF Board Meeting will most likely be a “working” meeting in order to discuss these issues. Chair Webb noted that many Councils were not as far along in the development of discretionary funding requests as this Council is. Coordinator Dobler-Allen stated that a number of strategies were put on hold across all funding plans until further evaluation of the potential need for cross-regional coordination among related strategies as the creation of the early childhood development and health system begins, and that the communications strategies were put on hold across the board as well. Member Endfield shared her concern about FTF's overall funding and whether the money could be taken away with the current economic situation. Coordinator Dobler-Allen stated that talking points will be forthcoming related to this and she will keep the RPC informed.

Coordinator Dobler-Allen noted the following upcoming RFGA Informational Meetings:

Friday, December 12: East Flagstaff Public Library (9:45 a.m.)

Friday, December 12: NPC/Holbrook, Main Campus Learning Center (2:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, December 17: Whiteriver Unified School District, (3:00 p.m.)

Thursday, December 18: Lakeside Fire Department (1:00 p.m.)

Coordinator Dobler-Allen handed out four FTF DVDs to share among the RPC Members. More are available on request from the central office.

Member Endfield informed the Council that the FCCLA would be presenting Family First on March 26, 2009 at the CTE Campus at Alchesay High School; there will be a keynote speaker and presenters. She also reminded them of the Early Childhood Conference on April 4, 2009 at NPC/Snowflake.

Discussion was held around Chairwoman Basha's cautions about the strategy of an Employer-Sponsored Child Care program with the economic climate we're currently experiencing. Member Zimmerman felt this was not warranted. Member Tapia raised a number of pertinent questions regarding the strengths/challenges of the new child care center at White Mountain Regional Medical Center. Member Zimmerman expressed the challenge of recruiting a trained, well-developed staff. He also stated the staff has had a very positive response because they get to see their children; also that the return on investment is there. A challenge is the greater need for security not only within the center but throughout the hospital. Member Tapia raised a question as to whether the hospital's center accepts

children with special needs; Member Zimmerman stated that this is not in the business model. He also stated that there is already a waiting list for children needing day care and that the program is paying for itself. Coordinator Dobler-Allen stated that all of these points were made at the FTF Board Meeting.

Logic Models, Scope of Work and RFGAs

Coordinator Dobler-Allen addressed the Logic Model plan and stated FTF will complete the Logic Models and the Council will be able to “tweak” the strategies. She further stated that 400 strategies had been approved at the recent FTF Board Meeting; therefore, there is much work to be done in order to roll out the Logic Models. The Scopes of Work will be written in January by the Finance Team so that the first round of RFGAs will be presented to the FTF Board in May, 2009. RFGAs are open to all (not just 501c3s). During her Logic Model/Scope of Work/RFGA discussion presentation, Coordinator Dobler-Allen discussed the need to determine grant review committees and stated there will be training for these committees. She asked that Council Members send their recommendations to her.

Navajo/Apache RPC Meeting Dates (1st half of 2009)

The following dates have been determined for the first half of 2009 (all on Wednesday from 3-6 p.m.):

January 14, Holbrook

February 11, Snowflake

March 11, St. John’s

April 8, Heber

May 13, Show Low

June 10, Eagar

Adjournment

Chair Webb adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Melissa Webb, Chair

Kate Dobler-Allen, Regional Coordinator